

Academic English and Study Skills



In addition to your subject modules within your chosen pathway you will take a module in Academic English and Study Skills. These modules will be taught at the Foundation Academy Hub and English Language Centre in Priorsfield.

You will be learning in a supportive environment in small classes (maximum 15 students) that are focused on your individual needs. Classes are dynamic, with many opportunities for you to practice your language actively in groups.

Regular one-to-one tutorials provide you with feedback on your progress throughout the module and e-learning workshops allow you to work on specific aspects of language such as grammar or building your academic vocabulary.

Most students will take either of the core modules: Academic English and Study Skills or Advanced Academic English and Study Skills. The modules will introduce you to academic English for undergraduate study and also to the development of specific language and skills related to your pathway. These

could be writing summaries of scientific texts or producing lab reports for science programmes, or academic essays, critical thinking and debating for arts, law and social sciences programmes.

If you are a native or near-native English language speaker with an **IELTS score of 8.0** overall or above (or equivalent) you take replace the core Academic English and Study Skills modules with Advanced Academic Skills.

You will either take one of the core modules below:

- [IELTS 5.5 - Academic English and Study Skills \(/International/foundation-academy/Academic-English-and-Study-Skills-Core-modules.aspx\)](/International/foundation-academy/Academic-English-and-Study-Skills-Core-modules.aspx)
- [IELTS 6.5 - 7.5 - Advanced Academic English and Study Skills \(/International/foundation-academy/Academic-English-and-Study-Skills-Core-modules.aspx\)](/International/foundation-academy/Academic-English-and-Study-Skills-Core-modules.aspx)

OR

- [IELTS 8.0 - Advanced Academic Skills \(/International/foundation-academy/Advanced-Academic-Skills-IELTS-80-.aspx\)](/International/foundation-academy/Advanced-Academic-Skills-IELTS-80-.aspx)

Please note: High quality [Preessional English programmes \(/International/foundation-academy/Preessional-English-Programmes.aspx\)](/International/foundation-academy/Preessional-English-Programmes.aspx) are available for students who do not yet meet the English language entry requirements. A recent British Council accreditation review has rated the standard of English language teaching at the University of Birmingham as being outstanding, placing us as one of the best providers of English language teaching in the HE sector.